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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PRC AID AGREEMENT WITH GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN SAMOA

DURING MY SEMI-ANNUAL VISIT TO SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS WHICH I JUST CONCLUDED, I HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEF DISCUSSION IN APIA WITH WESTERN SAMOAN MINISTER OF FINANCE, VAOVASAMANAIA FILIPO. NOTING THAT THERE HAD BEEN RUMORS OF A GOWS/PRC AID AGREEMENT, I ASKED FILIPO WHETHER IN FACT THE GOWS HAD SIGNED AN AID AGREEMENT WITH THE PRC. FILIPO RELUCTANTLY CONFIRMED THAT AN AID AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SIGNED WHEN HE WAS IN PEKING. HE SAID THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE PRC TO LOOK AT SEVERAL POSSIBLE PROJECTS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. AT THIS STAGE, ACCORDING TO FILIPO, THE GOWS HAS SUBMITTED THREE PTENTIAL PROJECTS: ONE IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JUDICIARY COURT COMPLEX AND THE OTHER TWO ARE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS WHICH HE DID NOT DESCRIBE. I ASKED FILIPO WHETHER EITHER OF THE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS WOULD REQUIRE THE ASSISTANCE OF CHINESE TECHNICIANS

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AND HE ANSWERED THAT ONE WOULD.

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